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Indre application of:
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For: AUTOMATIC DRILLING SYSTEM

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Sir:

Applicant timely responds to the Final Office Action dated
August 10, 1994 as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

/ On page 35, line 8, delete "a" and substitute therefor --an--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (amended) [An] The automatic drilling system [for
automatically regulating the release of the drill string of a
drilling rig during the drilling of a borehole,] according to claim
1 further comprising:

a drill string torque sensor;

a drill string torque regulator coupled to said drill string
torque sensor, said drill string torque regulator
measuring changes in drill string torque and outputting
a signal representing those changes;

a relay coupled to said drill string torque regulator, said
relay responsive to the output signal of said drill
string torque regulator to supply a drill string control
signal at an output thereof; and

a drill strings controller coupled to said relay wherein a
decrease in drill string torque results in said relay
supplying a drill strings control signal that operates
said drill strings controller to effect an increase in
the rate of release of said drill string and an increase

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